



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 10, 2017

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep older Arizonans and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight federal legislation or activities affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The *Legislative Update* is non-partisan in nature.

Note: to get the most from this report, be sure to open the [links](#) throughout this issue for the latest news and information. Thank you for your interest!

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### 53<sup>rd</sup> Arizona Legislature, First Regular Session

More than 675 floor actions have been filed since the last issue; 56 of those are related to bills tracked by the Council.

#### Summary of Action

As of this time on **Day 33**, **1,053 bills posted**, **98 Memorials or Resolutions** and **three passed**. The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging tracks legislation that has the potential to impact older Arizonans. Those bills are featured in the **FULL List**. To view the web report, click [HERE](#).

NOTE: Please be advised that the presence of a bill on a tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. It **does** mean that the topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

Our web report provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information on all of the bills being tracked and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Be sure to click on the bill number for more information.** This list will continue to be edited and updated throughout the session. Bill information including description, status, hearings, etc. is part of a purchased service provided by *Arizona Capitol Times*.

#### A few bills highlighted from the FULL List

**HB2426: community health workers, voluntary certification** - Introductory version [HERE](#)

Recent action: on 2/9 referred to House Health Committee.

**HB2439: home health aides; qualifications** - Introductory version [HERE](#). Recent action: 2/8 referred to the House Health Committee.

**HB2505: appropriation; adult protective services** - In addition to any other appropriation made, the sum of \$3,000,000 and 43 FTE positions are appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2017-2018 to the department of economic security for adult protective services. Recent action: 2/9 referred to the House Appropriations Committee

**SB1030: AHCCCS; covered services; occupational therapy** - requires AHCCCS contractors to include occupational therapy in provided outpatient health services. Recent action: 2/9 passed Senate 26-3; ready for House.

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## Deadlines

Arizona State Senate 53rd Legislature [2017 Session Timeline](#)

Note: February 17 is the last day for Senate bills in the Senate (6 weeks) and last day for House Bills in the House.

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Committee Members are listed on the Arizona State Legislature's website at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/CommitteeMembers>.

Committee Minutes can be found at:

<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/DocumentSearch/C?SessionID=117>

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Check out the *Arizona State Legislature* website: [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)

Calendar & News link: <http://www.azleg.gov/alis-today/>

Need to learn more about the legislative process? See [Arizona Bill](#) or [Bill to Law](#)

Find and review bill information [HERE](#).

Learn about the budget process [HERE](#).

Research the State Constitution [HERE](#).

Learn more at *Frequently Asked Questions* linked [HERE](#).

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If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts at any time by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at **602-542-4331 in Phoenix; 520-628-6580 in Tucson; in-state toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 ( outside Maricopa County only)** or email: [engage@az.gov](mailto:engage@az.gov).
- **Legislators** from your area. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature** website and looking for: [Legislative Maps](#)

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## **Fiscal News**

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee/JLBC**

Full Committee Presentations (2/8/17) [HERE](#)

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## **FEDERAL UPDATE**

### **Updates**

#### **S.178**

#### **Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act**

Introduced on 1/20/2017 by Senator Chuck Grassley (IA)

To prevent elder abuse and exploitation and improve the justice system's response to victims in elder abuse and exploitation cases.

Text [HERE](#)

On 2/9/2017 Committee on Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

(See more information under NASUAD report in this issue.)

#### **S.223**

#### **SeniorSafe Act of 2017**

Introduced on 1/24/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

On 1/24/2017, Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.  
See Congressional Record [HERE](#).

### **Other legislation**

#### **S.311**

**A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for training and support services for families and caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.**

Introduced on 2/6/2017 by Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)

On 2/6/2017 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

#### **S.Res.49**

**A resolution declaring that achieving the primary goal of the National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease of the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025 is an urgent national priority.**

Introduced 2/6/2017 by Senator Susan M. Collins (ME)

On 2/6/2017 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Text of the measure as introduced: CR S747-748 [HERE](#).

#### **H.R.472**

### **Safe Recovery and Community Empowerment Act**

Introduced on 1/12/2017 by Representative Darrell E. Issa (CA-49)

To amend the Fair Housing Act to better protect persons with disabilities and communities.

On 2/6/2017 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.

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### **Share your opinions with members of Congress!**

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your Representative or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or

<http://www.senate.gov/> for the Senate.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

Contact the White House: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact>

ALSO: USA.gov provides contact information at: <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

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## NEWS& RESOURCES

The Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University report: [Projections& Implications for Housing: A Growing Population](#).

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### [Kaiser Health News](#)

2/6/2017

#### [Laughing Until you Die](#)

#### [Humor May Be Antidote for Pain Of Death For Patients, Survivors](#)

By Bruce Horovitz

#### [Judge Accepts Medicare's Plan To Remedy Misunderstanding On Therapy Coverage](#)

By Susan Jaffee

2/9/2017

### [Kaiser Health News: New Federal Rules Will Require Home Health Agencies To Do Much More For Patients](#)

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National Alzheimer's Project Act updated information can be found at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>. The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease: 2016

Update is available at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/national-plan-address-alzheimers-disease->

## [2016-update](#)

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Alzheimer's website: <http://www.alzheimers.gov/>

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From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities/NASUAD**

*Friday, 210/2017 Update*

### **Senate Judiciary Committee Approves Elder Abuse Prevention Bill**

On Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (S. 178). The legislation creates new training requirements for Federal justice officials regarding elder abuse and exploitation, as well as requiring Federal districts to have designated staff to handle elder abuse cases. Additionally, the legislation includes new coordination and collaboration requirements, and increased penalties for individuals who target older adults for exploitation. The Elder Justice Coalition, of which NASUAD is a member, has endorsed this act. The bill will be reported to the full Senate for a potential vote in the future.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the legislation.

### **Hunger in Older Adults: Challenges & Opportunities for the Aging Network**

Meals on Wheels of America released a new report, funded by the AARP and Caesars Foundations, titled *Hunger in Older Adults: Challenges and Opportunities for the Aging Network*. This first-of-its-kind resource explores a variety of available food assistance programs that can be used in combination to more effectively address the needs of seniors in your community. While national, state and local assistance programs often operate in isolation, it is proven that by using these programs in a coordinated way they can more effectively address the myriad of health, environmental, physical, and economic barriers to food security that many older adults face. Through best practices and actionable strategies, *Hunger in Older Adults* seeks to engage Aging Network leaders and advocates as partners to increase use of food assistance programs by older adults as this vulnerable population is set to double by 2050.

All are invited to learn more about the report, and practice models for advancing its recommendations on a webinar MOWAA is hosting on February 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to view the publication. [Click here](#) to view details and register for the webinar.

### **Webinar: Alzheimer's and Dementia Resources You Can Use**

The National Institute on Aging (NIA/NIH), the Administration for Community Living (ACL), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are hosting a webinar about Alzheimer's and dementia resources. Included in the presentation will be information about: What's new with consumer, caregiver, and professional resources on dementia, helpful resources on areas of special interest; and how the federal government is implementing the National Alzheimer's Plan, including the

overall direction of the plan and its 2017 changes. Presenters for the webinar are Tanya Frieze, DNP, RN, CNL USN (Ret.), Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Educational Coordinator, Road Home Program, Rush University Medical Center; Peter Lichtenberg, PhD, Director, Institute of Gerontology and Professor of Psychology, Wayne State University; Lisa McGuire, PhD, Lead, Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program, CDC; Mark Snowden, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington; and Amy Wiatr-Rodriguez, MSW, Aging Services Program Specialist, ACL. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET.

[Click here](#) to view details and register.

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## **PHI**

*The Future of Long-Term Care*

Issue Brief [HERE](#)

By Robert Espinoza

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## **National Eye Institute**

**February is Low Vision Awareness Month**

National Eye Health Education Program/NEHEP resources [HERE](#)

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## **INFORMATION& RESOURCES:**

**February 17 – African American Conference on Disabilities**

**Desert Willow Conference Center**

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For information posted [HERE](#); call David at Ability360 (602)-443-0723

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## **University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix**

Mini-Medical School 3.0 events

More information [HERE](#)

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual James Case Memorial Workshop**

*Cognitive-Linguistic Assessments & Management in Neurogenic Communication Disorders*

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, ASU Tempe Campus, Coor Hall, room TBA

More information [HERE](#)

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arizona Healthy Communities Conference**

**March 29, 2017**, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., East Valley Institute of Technology, Mesa, AZ

More information [HERE](#)

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**Arizona's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Transit Conference, presented by AzTA and ADOT, April 9-11, 2017**  
Phoenix Airport Marriott

Registration [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Commission on the Arts** *AZ Creative Aging initiative*

**Create/Change: AZ Institute** - 3-day intensive institute featuring presentations and workshops led by leaders in the field of creative aging.

**May 22 – May 24**

More information [HERE](#)

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**In case you missed it last time...**

**[Kaiser Health News](#)**

**January 30, 2017**



*Trying To Solve The Alzheimer's Puzzle* [HERE](#)

Aging topics: <http://khn.org/topics/aging/>

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## **Ongoing Resources**

From the **Governor's Office**

See the latest news

**Newsroom:** <http://azgovernor.gov/newsroom>

**#AZAWESOME Shareables:** <http://azgovernor.gov/governor/shareables>

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**AHCCS News & Updates:**

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.html>

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**Arizona Department of Economic Security Feature Stories** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Attorney General's Senior Resources** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Department of Health Services**

**Public Health Licensing** [HERE](#)

**Arizona Healthy Aging (A- HA)** [HERE](#)

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**Arizona Association of Area Agencies on Aging/AZ4A**

Map of Regions [HERE](#)

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**State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)** – free health benefit counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries and their families or caregivers.

More information [HERE](#)

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***Just in case***

If you wish to share our tracking list, here is the link to the web report:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25801&listid=61524&print=true>

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Past issues of the *Legislative Updates* are linked on the Council website at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

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You can help circulate resource information. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description and a link or pdf document to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov). Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates and refrain from including marketing or fundraising materials.

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***It is our goal to provide the Legislative Update at least every other week during the session.***

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Loss of agency partner and friend

The Governor's Advisory Council on Aging members and staff join DES Division of Aging and Adult Services staff as well as community partners in extending our sympathies and condolences to the family of David Besst.

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**~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging**



If you wish to be REMOVED from or know someone who would like to be ADDED to the Update, please send an email to: [gaca@az.gov](mailto:gaca@az.gov) and ask to be unsubscribed or subscribed to the **Legislative Update**.

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